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Applicants: Smith, et al.

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Title: METHOD OF DECODING TWO-CHANNEL MATRIX ENCODED AUDIO TO  
RECONSTRUCT MULTICHANNEL AUDIO

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R.

1.97 (b)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 D.F.R. sections 1.56 and 1.97 (b),  
applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the  
documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This  
Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three  
months of the filing of the above referenced application or  
before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the  
merits for the above referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

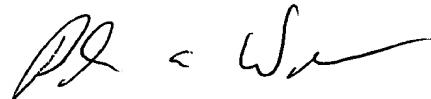
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner  
consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration  
of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations  
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This submission does not represent that a search has  
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Respectfully Submitted,



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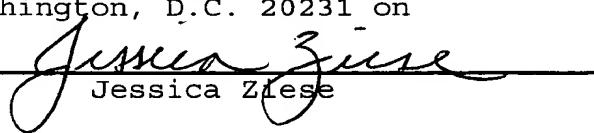
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